

Faraz Naqvi

Senior Educational Development Professional

Profile

A professional having more than 12 years of extensive experience in the development sector with special interest in the issues affecting access to higher education in the youth. Possesses in-depth understanding of the challenges and policy issues that surround educational development projects across the region. Seeking a senior level position to work in an environment that will challenge him further, while allowing him to contribute to the continued growth and success of the organization.

Area of expertise: Program development and implementation, partnership, community development and performance measurement, managing support functions, strategy formulation, and behavior change at the organizational and macro levels.

Experience

Head of Operations/Administration and New Initiatives at Lahore Grammar School and International Degree Program

July 2022 — Present

- o Setting up the campuses from the scratch from day-to-day operations to procuring inventory, acquiring multiple locations, hiring staff, teachers and students’ recruitment, capacity building, safety and security, logistics, budgeting, IT management and facilitation
- o Liaising with Sindh Education and Literacy Department and Higher Education Commission, Sind.
- o Managing staff of over 50 – Overseeing marketing and branding interest of the School and International Degree Program.
- Regional Head at the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) | U.S. Department of State**
September 2010 — June 2022
 - o Successfully closing out of Malala Fund’s project (Champion for Change) in partnership with Thar Alliance on the capacity building of 50 females - The project (\$75K-2 years) was focused on STEM education in the 4 districts of Tharparkar, Sind.
 - o Able to increase the number of applications and grants for USG funded programs from 12% to over 150% and from 5% to 47.8% respectively from under-served areas across Pakistan.
 - o Conceptualized and Implemented a talent farming program (5 years) for upper secondary and higher secondary levels students under USAID’s cluster grouping initiative, resulting in the admission of quality students (1856) in the top tier universities across Pakistan and the U.S.
 - o Executed USAID’s program (\$140K) aimed at increasing the enrollment and retention of girls in school. The initiative was geared towards increasing and sustaining female student enrollment in middle, and higher secondary schools located in Dadu, Jacobabad, Khairpur, Kashmore, Larkana, Mithi, Panu Aqil, Ghotki and Sukkur.
 - o Designed, implemented, and closing out of a \$500,000 USAID’s grant program - The Community College Initiative Program (CCI) provides scholarships to

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Skills

- Leadership Skills
- Ability to Work in a Team
- Effective Time Management
- Ability to Multitask
- Communication
- Ability to Work Under Pressure
- Communication Skills
- Planning
- Decision Making
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Microsoft Office
- SPSS
- MEAL Support
- SWOT & Survey Analysis
- Proposal and grant writings
- Drafting terms of references & memorandums
- Designing Research & Survey Methodologies

Languages



spend up to one academic year at a United States community college after completing 14 years of education. Students built technical skills and earned certificates in their fields of study. The program was primarily designed for underrepresented and underserved communities.

- o Managed staff of over 50 - Supervised the progress and closing out of over 20 project activities in collaboration with Higher Education Commission Pakistan and multiple public sector universities across Pakistan.

- o Assisted the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, iEARN and Public Affairs Officer (U.S Embassy Islamabad) in the emergency evacuation and facilitating of USG funded grantees (over 300) from U.S to Pakistan during the peak of the pandemic.

- o Worked and partnered with USAID, International Institute of Education, iEARN and Higher Education Commission of Pakistan.

- o Successfully mobilized resources, managed partnerships, and implemented large scale projects.

- o Updated the leadership at Bureau of Education & Cultural Affairs (Washington DC), the United States Embassy Islamabad, Regional Coordinator (Dubai) and regional Consulates regarding the success, challenges, and future plans of our programming.

- o Provided guidance to the U.S. diplomats on higher education system and opportunities in Pakistan and acted as liaison between them and the Govt. of Pakistan, Education Ministry, Universities, Schools, Colleges and Higher Education Commission of Pakistan.

- o Provided professional leadership and support to the network within the region to foster international student mobility and advance the United States Government's public diplomacy efforts in close consultation with the United States Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA).

- o Facilitated U.S. and Pakistani universities, evaluation agencies and other organizations with anything or everything concerning both U.S and Pakistani education systems, universities partnership program and arranging US universities' visit to Pakistan and vice versa.

- o Provided recommendations on finance, transportation, procurement, and administrative topics for operations at the sub-office and national level.

- o Designed the advocacy plan; students and community mobilization strategy in line with the U.S. Department of State's education initiative and ensuring the timely completion of all relevant activities.

- o Developed and helped spearhead the market research team to analyze the sustainability of international student mobility in Pakistan.

- o Supervised programs in diverse settings, mostly in the highly insecure and challenging operating environment of the Country.

Associate Analyst at NERA Economic Consulting - Chicago,

June 2008 — September 2008

- o Provided consultancy services by collecting market, industry, companies, and competitors' information and used spreadsheet models to analyze data.

- o Applied econometric analysis to economic and financial data.

- o Analyzed industry trends, created trial exhibits, drafted memos and presentation materials.

Teaching Assistant at The University of Chicago - Chicago,

January 2008 — June 2009

- o Developed methodologies for systematic data collection, analysis and reporting of program indicators.
- o Examined the diffusion of efficient medical practices, the effect of demographic and technological change on the stability of health insurance markets.

Community Advisors at Salvation Army - Dallas,

May 2005 — August 2005

- o Counseled Black and Asian community in economic hardship & racial discrimination.

Education

MPP, University of Chicago - Chicago, IL USA,

January 2008 — June 2009

Master's in Public Policy with GPA: 3.50

- o As part of the teaching assistantship, full tuition waiver was awarded along with the monthly stipend.

BA, University of Chicago - Chicago, IL USA,

January 2004 — December 2007

Bachelor's in Public Policy with GPA: 3.50

Research Conducted

- o Solutions and challenges to curing global health inequality.
- o Interactions between the public and private sectors affect the performance of health insurance markets; how health affects labor productivity, earnings and wage disparities; and how information and competitive forces impact the efficiency of credit markets and the delivery of health care.

Conferences

South and Central Asia - Regional Conference in Kathmandu Nepal

January 2019

Conducted a session on diversity and inclusion in education.

South and Central Asia - Regional Conference in Colombo Sri Lanka

January 2016

Conducted a session on the standard of tertiary education in Pakistan vs international education opportunities.

South Asia Forum in Dhakka Bangladesh

March 2014

Networked and learned about Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs' policies.

South and Central Asia - Regional Conference in Colombo Sri Lanka

January 2012

Represented Pakistan among 400 international education exhibitors.

References

Phillip Assis - Deputy Cultural Attaché from U.S Embassy Islamabad

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Re: Recommendation for Syed Faraz Hussain

To whom it may concern:

It is my pleasure to recommend Mr. Syed Faraz Hussain for a position with your firm. I am an American diplomat who had the honor of working with Mr. Hussain in 2013-14, when I was assigned to the U.S. Consulate in Karachi, Pakistan, and again in 2017-2022, when posted to the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad.

In both cases, I was responsible for oversight of the U.S. Government's EducationUSA program in Pakistan, which is the official information office for students interested in an American education.

Throughout these years, Mr. Hussain's responsibilities and expertise within EducationUSA grew as he was the senior-most advisor amongst the 14 advisors in Pakistan. He was widely recognized in the U.S. Embassy and in our partner organization, the U.S. Educational Foundation in Pakistan, as having the most in-depth knowledge of the student visa process, and for his ability to guide students with the full, factual information needed to succeed in pursuing a degree in the United States.

Promoting higher education in the United States is a U.S. Government objective, and Mr. Hussain played a critical role in advancing this objective in one of the most populated, and complicated, countries on earth. Challenges include the cost of study in the United States and competition from universities around the world. In other words, he overcame many difficulties to successfully reach students through developing and managing high profile college fairs, study tours for visiting admissions counselors, information sessions at USEFP, and individual counseling sessions. It is also worth noting that as the world adjusted to COVID-19, Mr. Hussain remained one step ahead in creatively using online tools. I have been impressed by his adaptability and creativity combined with management and people skills.

I can also attest to Mr. Hussain's punctuality, thoroughness, and comfort of integrating into varied work teams in diverse contexts. He is one of the best partners I have worked with in terms of both camaraderie and work ethic.

Once again, I am pleased to support Mr. Hussain's candidacy with genuine enthusiasm. He would be an asset to any organization.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss Mr. Hussain's candidacy further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Letter of Recommendation for Syed Faraz Hussain Naqvi.

To Whom it May Concern:

I highly recommend Mr. Syed Faraz Hussain for employment in your office. Mr. Hussain has been an integral part of the EducationUSA team in Karachi, and in that capacity, he worked closely with the Public Affairs team at the American Consulate in Karachi for more than 12 years. He is adaptable and flexible in taking new responsibilities and has a well-developed network of contact at Pakistani universities and high schools in Sindh and Balochistan region.

Mr. Hussain's duties and experience within EducationUSA expanded over the years as he was the most senior advisor among the 14 advisors in Pakistan. He collaborated with several offices at the U.S. Consulate Karachi, such as the Public Affairs Section, the Consular Section, and the Consul General's office. He was highly regarded at the U.S. Consulate Karachi and at our partner organization, the U.S. Education Foundation in Pakistan as the resource person for having the most in-depth knowledge of the American educational system, Pakistan's educational landscape, the application process for student visas, available scholarships, and the ability to provide students with the complete and accurate information they need to be successful in their pursuit of a degree in the United States.

Once again, I am pleased to support Mr. Hussain's application with the great zeal. He would be an asset to any organization.

Best regards,

Ali Chauhan
Advisor on Higher Education
Public Diplomacy Section
U.S. Consulate General Karachi
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CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE
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August 22, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

It is a pleasure to write this recommendation letter for Mr. Syed Faraz Hussain who was as a senior EducationUSA Advisor at the U.S. Education Foundation Pakistan (USEFP) for over 12 years.

Faraz worked closely with the Public Diplomacy Section of the U.S. Consulate General Karachi to promote higher education in the United States and to provide opportunities to students and faculty at universities and high schools in Sindh and Balochistan. During the time Faraz was employed by the United States Government, we found him to be diligent and hardworking. He was efficient, even in times of great personal risk.

We wish Faraz the best of luck in his future endeavors. I wholeheartedly recommend Syed Faraz Hussain for a position with your organization. I believe that he will be a great asset to the education sector and organizations in Pakistan.

Sincerely,

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